

Decision No. 24932.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Federal Electric Company, et al.,
Complainants,

vs.

Vallejo Electric Light and Power
Company,

Defendant.

ORIGINAL

Case No. 3124.

Atheam, Chandler & Farmer and Frank R. Devlin,
by Frank R. Devlin, for Vallejo Electric
Light and Power Company.

Louis F. Leurey, for Complainants.

Reginald L. Vaughan, by Scott Elder, for
Wesley Hicks and Wesix National Company.

STEVENOT, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

This complaint was instituted by the Federal Electric Company of Vallejo, California, and some twenty-eight other consumers of the Vallejo Electric Light and Power Company alleging that a discrimination exists between Schedule D-1 for domestic combination lighting, heating, cooking and small power service and Schedule C for heating and cooking service, with reference to the kilowatt-hour blocking and rates for a similar class of service, therefore such rates are alleged to be unjust and unreasonable.

Public hearings were held at Vallejo April 27th and June 3rd, 1932, at which time testimony and evidence were in-

troduced.

Subsequent to the filing of the complaint some nineteen of the consumers signing the petition requested, in writing to the Commission, that their names be withdrawn. The Commission, however, set the matter for hearing and Mr. Louis F. Leurey, Consulting Engineer, representing some of the consumers, introduced copies of rates for comparable service for various municipally and privately owned utilities operating in the State of California. A number of individual consumers also testified as to the effect of present rates on their particular type of service.

The Commission, through the Gas and Electric Division of its Engineering Department, submitted a proposed schedule to replace the present Schedule C for heating and cooking service, which is in line with the present Schedule D-1 for domestic combination lighting, heating, cooking and small power service and also compares favorably with schedules of other utilities in the State of California for a similar class of service.

This proposed schedule, designated as "C," for heating and cooking service, resulting in a reduction of approximately 17½ per cent for this class of service, was acceptable to all interested parties as a settlement of this complaint and the matter was submitted.

I therefore recommend the following form of Order:

ORDER

Public hearings having been held in the above entitled case, in which it is alleged that a discrimination exists between consumers served with electricity by the Vallejo Electric Light and Power Company under Schedule D-1, for domestic

combination lighting, heating, cooking and small power service, and Schedule "C" for heating and cooking service, in that the consumers served under the "C" schedule are paying a higher rate for heating and cooking service than consumers served under the "D-1" schedule, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California Hereby Finds as a Fact that the electric rates charged by Vallejo Electric Light and Power Company under Schedule C, for heating and cooking service, and more specifically referred to as Revised Sheet C.R.C. No. 79-E, under the circumstances here present are unjust and unreasonable in so far as they differ from the rates as modified herein, which modified rates are found to be just and reasonable for the service rendered, based upon regular meter readings taken on and after August 1, 1932.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and upon the further findings of fact set forth in the opinion which precedes this Order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Vallejo Electric Light and Power Company charge and collect the following rates and charges for heating and cooking service supplied under Schedule C, effective for all regular meter readings taken on and after August 1, 1932:

SCHEDULE C.

COOKING AND HEATING SERVICE:

Applicable to heating and cooking service.

TERRITORY:

Applicable to entire territory served.

RATE: Cooking and/or Heating Service:

First 150 k.w.h. per meter	
per month	3.0¢ per k.w.h.
All over 150 k.w.h. per meter	
per month	1.5¢ per k.w.h.

MINIMUM CHARGE:

First 10 k.w. or less of Heating
and Cooking Service \$2.50 per month
Over 10 k.w. of Heating and
Cooking Service50 per k.w. per mo.

When the consumer signs a contract for service for a period of one year the minimum charge will be made accumulative for the service year. The minimum charges are payable in monthly installments until such time as the accumulative energy charges equal the annual minimum charge.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- (a) Service will normally be 110 - 220 volts, three-wire, alternating current.
- (b) Minimum charges are based on the total active connected load of heating and cooking capacity which may be connected at any one time.
- (c) Commercial installations will qualify for, and receive service under this schedule, provided that heating and cooking apparatus (other than lamp socket devices) of at least 2 k.w. capacity are permanently installed and used.

Except as otherwise provided, the effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

The foregoing Opinion and Order is hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of June, 1932.

C. C. Seaver
Leon Whitely
W. A. Lewis
M. B. Harris
Fred G. Stewart
Commissioners.